SUBJECT No. 8.

Amendment of Section 38 of the Court Fees Regulation.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The figure head on the new stamps is not a good likeness of our Sovereign His Highness the Maharaja.

(*b*) The letters ಮೈಸೂರು in Kannada do very little credit to a Kannada country.

(*c*) The punching of the figure-head is not only repulsive to sentiment but has the effect of frustrating the object with which the figure is introduced.

It is therefore requested that these defects may be remedied and the Court Fees Regulation amended by adding the word "above" or "below" or "by the side of" before the "figure head" in Section 38 of Court Fees Regulation, III of 1900.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 9.

Amendment of the Registration Regulation.

Mr. A. Krishna Rao, Bar Association, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—Section 18 of the Mysore Registration Regulation may be amended by abolishing the provision of optional registration of certain documents and making the registration of all documents mentioned in that section compulsory.

Reply of Government.—Not expedient at present.

SUBJECT No. 10.

Measures to prevent corruption.

Mr. C. Chennakesaviah, Krishi Silpabhi Vardhaka Samaj, Chitaldrug.

Summary of discussion.—Under the Law now in force, both the public servant who receives a bribe and the person who gives are liable to punishment. It has been very difficult to put down bribery, as the giver cannot complain openly for fear of being prosecuted, while the receiver feels secure. It is therefore requested that the Law be amended so as to make the giver of a bribe immune from prosecution. But if the complaint is found to be false he may be proceeded against under Section 211 of the Indian Penal Code.

A person in difficulty is tempted to offer a bribe and therefore deserves consideration. Either the Penal Code should be amended as stated above or else the Criminal Procedure Code should be amended so as to require sanction of Government before an abettor in this case is prosecuted.

Reply of Government.—Not expedient to amend the existing law, as proposed.

SUBJECT No. 11.

Adulteration of coffee powder.

Mr. T. Narsinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—There are some coffee roasting and grinding firms started in the State. The powder is adulterated with roasted coffee husk and other stuff and sold as coffee powder. It is requested that a law be made requiring the firms to enter on the label the percentage of the adulterating stuff in the powder.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.